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1. In January 1954 a total of 52,171,699 kg of various goods were transported in 2,709 freight cars through the Czechoslovak-Austrian border stations Devinska Nova Ves (P49/X89) - Marchegg (P49/S70) in both directions. Of this quantity 42,342,332 kg in 2,046 carloads and 11 various containers went from Marchegg to Devinska Nova Ves, and 9,829,367kg in 663 carloads and 189 containers went in the opposite direction. The following goods were involved:

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A.	Metals	-	-	
B.	Metal goods	107,049 kg in	9 carloads &	4 cases
C.	Chemicals	2,635,658 kg in	215 carloads	
D.	Liquid & hard fuels	42,506,473 kg in	1,976 carloads	
E.	Textiles	531,133 kg in	61 carloads	
F.	Foodstuffs	3,884,442 kg in	257 carloads &	60 cases
G.	Lumber	1,113,648 kg in	73 carloads	
H.	Other items	1,393,296 kg in	118 carloads &	136 boxes
	Total	52,171,699 kg in	2,709 carloads &	200 various

Apart from this, 2,054 empty tankers went through the two border stations, 1,535 from Poland and 492 from the CSR to Austria for refilling, and 27 in the opposite direction.

2. Shipments in the direction Marchegg - Devinska Nova Ves during January 1954 went to the following countries in the following quantities:

	Czechoslovakia:		Poland:		Hungary:		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.	97	-	7,746	1	33,746	3	41,589	4
C.	833,743	47	457,198	63	60,000	4	1,350,941	114
D.	4,597,580	202	35,227,693	1,642	-	-	39,825,273	1,844
E.	126,462	11	39,360	5	5,496	1	171,318	17
F.	916,755	63	-	-	-	-	916,755	63
G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.	320	-	30,197	3	5,939	1	36,456	4
Total	6,474,937	323	35,762,194	1,714	105,181	9	42,342,332	2,046

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These goods came from the following countries in the following quantities:

Austria:		Total:	
kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	-	-	-
B.	21,533	2	7,206
C.	60,000	4	1,290,941
D.	39,825,273	1,844	-
E.	25,183	2	140,639
F.	96,190	6	820,565
G.	-	-	-
H.	333	-	36,123
Total	40,028,512	1,858	2,335,474

(Abbreviations: AU - Austria
 BU - Bulgaria
 CSR - Czechoslovakia
 EG - Eastern Germany

3. Imports to the CSR via Marchegg - Devinska Nova Ves were composed of:

- a. Metal goods (pump valves) 97 kg
 in one case to Kosice (E49/E34) from Vienna
- b. Chemicals 833,743 kg
 in 47 carloads (44 IT; 3 HU)
- (1) Electrode coal paste 713,093 kg
 in 38 carloads to Devinska Nova Ves (Sesto S.G.)
- (2) Tartaric acid 50,550 kg
 in four carloads to Devinska Nova Ves
 from
- (3) Chestnutwood extract 45,000 kg
 in three carloads to Bosany (P49/T75)
- (4) Cryolite 15,000 kg
 in one carload to Sv. Kriz nad Hronom (Q49/C54)
- (5) Borax 10,100 kg
 in one carload to Bratislava
- c. Liquid fuels 4,597,580 kg
 in 202 tankers from AU
- (1) Gasoline 2,643,640 kg
 in 91 tankers to Devinska Nova Ves from
 Moosbierbaum and Vienna
- (2) Gas oil 1,953,940 kg
 in 111 tankers to Bratislava from Vienna
- d. Textiles 126,462 kg
 in 11 carloads (2 AU)
- (1) Raw cotton 101,279 kg
 in nine carloads to Rybarpole (Q50/C99)
- (2) Artificial silk yarn 25,183 kg
 in two carloads to Devinska Nova Ves from AU
 (St. Pölten)
- e. Foodstuffs 916,755 kg
 in 63 carloads (6 AU)

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- (1) Lemons 331,035 kg
in 26 carloads to Devinska Nova Ves

178,895 kg in 14 carloads
152,140 kg in 12 carloads

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- (2) Legumes 273,984 kg
in 15 carloads to Devinska Nova Ves

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- (3) Oranges 137,021 kg
in 11 carloads to Devinska Nova Ves
125,021 kg in 10 carloads
12,000 kg in 1 carload

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- (4) Wine 96,190 kg
in six carloads to various stations in Slovakia
from AU (Arnoldstein)

- (5) Beans (dried) 41,550 kg
in three carloads to Devinska Nova Ves

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- (6) Lentils 36,975 kg
in two carloads to Devinska Nova Ves

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- f. Other items (unspecified) 320 kg
in eight boxes from AU

4. The goods consigned to Poland consisted of:

- a. Liquid fuels 35,227,693 kg
in 1,642 tankers from AU

- (1) Crude oil 15,778,193 kg
in 876 tankers from Vienna
to: Trzebinia 15,078,213 kg in 836 tankers
Jedlice 699,980 kg in 40 tankers

- (2) Gas oil 7,749,590 kg
in 304 tankers from Vienna and Moosbierbaum
to: Slawiecice 3,869,930 kg in 151 tankers
Wroclaw 1,975,990 kg in 68 tankers
Kozle 1,822,560 kg in 82 tankers
Gdynia 81,110 kg in 3 tankers

- (3) Petroleum 6,837,470 kg
in 307 tankers from Vienna and Gross Schwechat
to Bierawa

- (4) Gasoline 4,862,440 kg
in 155 tankers from Vienna and Moosbierbaum
to: Czechowice 2,384,700 kg in 89 tankers
Zagorzany 1,677,160 kg in 39 tankers
Wroclaw 800,580 kg in 27 tankers

- b. Chemicals (cellulose wool) 457,198 kg
in 63 carloads to Lodz and Bielawa

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- c. Textiles 39,360 kg
in five carloads to Lodz which contained:

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artificial silk yarn 32,383 kg in 4 carloads
raw cotton 6,977 kg in 1 carload

- d. Other items (collective consignments) 30,197 kg
in three carloads to Zebrzydowice

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- e. Metal goods (auto spare parts) 7,746 kg
in one carload and one case from AU to Zebrzydowice

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5. The goods consigned to Hungary consisted of:

- a. Chemicals (magnesite bricks) 60,000 kg
in four carloads from AU
- b. Metal goods 33,746 kg
in three carloads (2 AU;) which contained:
- ~~auto spare parts 12,850 kg in 1 carload from AU~~
machinery spare parts 15,872 kg in 1 carload from AU
auto spare parts 12,850 kg in 1 carload
iron wire 5,024 kg in 1 carload from AU
- c. Other items 5,939 kg
in one carload (5,926 kg of hides) and one box from AU
(13 kg of radio spare parts).
- d. Textiles (wool waste) 5,496 kg
in one carload

6. Shipments in the direction Devinska Nova Ves - Marchegg during January 1954 went to the following countries in the following quantities:

	Austria:				Total:			
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.	47,840	3	-	-	17,620	2	65,460	5
C.	400,370	37	316,463	17	567,884	47	1,284,717	101
D.	1,169,900	54	-	-	-	-	1,169,900	54
E.	339,543	42	-	-	20,272	2	359,815	44
F.	1,235,018	83	1,223,787	778	356,572	23	2,815,377	184
G.	-	-	1,011,388	66	102,260	7	1,113,648	73
H.	280,518	24	64,021	8	1,012,301	82	1,356,840	114
Total	3,473,189	243	2,615,659	169	2,076,909	163	8,165,757	575

In addition there were 78 carloads (1,511,300 kg) of high-grade coke to Bulgaria bringing the total of hard fuels to 2,681,200 kg in 132 carloads, and 10 carloads (152,310 kg) of malt to Eastern Germany bringing the total of foodstuffs to 2,967,687 kg in 194 carloads and the grand total to 9,829,367 kg in 663 carloads.

These goods came from the following countries in the following quantities:

	Czechoslovakia:		Poland:		Hungary:		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.	53,280	4	-	-	12,180	1	65,460	5
C.	1,243,917	97	-	-	40,800	4	1,284,717	101
D.	2,681,200	132	-	-	-	-	2,681,200	132
E.	359,815	44	-	-	-	-	359,815	44
F.	2,565,067	170	-	-	402,620	24	2,967,687	194
G.	1,113,648	73	-	-	-	-	1,113,648	73
H.	1,220,730	103	-	-	136,110	11	1,356,840	114
Total	9,237,657	623	-	-	591,710	40	9,829,367	663

7. Exports from the CSR via Devinska Nova Ves - Marchegg were composed of:

- a. Metal goods 53,280 kg
in four carloads (3 AU;) and two cases (AU)
- (1) Diesel engines 34,000 kg
in two carloads from Devinska Nova Ves to Vienna
- (2) Tractor spare parts 10,600 kg
in one carload from Devinska Nova Ves to Vienna

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- (3) Iron goods (unspecified) 8,680 kg
in one carload (5,440 kg) [] and two cases
(3,240 kg) to Vienna from Bratislava 25X1
- b. Chemicals 1,243,917 kg
in 97 carloads []; 33 AU; [] 25X1
- (1) Charcoal 699,834 kg
in 66 carloads from Hmusta (Q49/D33)
[] 350,864 kg in 34 carloads 25X1
AU (Konkordianutte & Vienna) 338,970 kg in 31 carloads
[] 10,000 kg in 1 carload 25X1
- (2) Toluol 251,615 kg
in 13 tankers from Devinska Nova Ves to
[] 25X1
- (3) Cellulose 217,020 kg
in 13 carloads from Martin (Q50/C69) [] 25X1
[] 25X1
- (4) Starch 54,848 kg
in three carloads [] (Au []) 25X1
from: Boleraz (P49/T13) 25,000 kg in 1 carload 25X1
Trnava (P49/T22) 15,015 kg in 1 carload
Spisska Nova Ves (R49/D87) 14,833 kg in 1 carload
- (5) Bleaching powder 15,000 kg
in one carload from Bratislava to Vienna
- (6) Oxalic acid 5,600 kg
in one tanker from Ostrava (P50/C59) to Vienna
- c. Hard fuels² 2,681,200 kg
in 132 carloads (78 BU; 54 AU) from the Ostrava coal basin
- (1) High-grade coke (Steinkohlenkoks) 1,511,300 kg
in 78 carloads to BU (Dragoman)
- (2) Hard coal 1,169,900 kg
in 54 carloads to Vienna
- d. Textiles 359,815 kg
in 44 carloads (42 AU; []) 25X1
- (1) Rags 309,125 kg
in 37 carloads from Devinska Nova Ves to
Vienna
- (2) Flax oakum 25,437 kg
in four carloads from Devinska Nova Ves to Vienna
- (3) Cotton thread 12,750 kg
in one carload from Bratislava [] 25X1
- (4) Yarn 7,522 kg
in one carload from Devinska Nova Ves [] 25X1
- (5) Cotton material 4,981 kg
in one carload from Bratislava to Vienna
- e. Foodstuffs 2,565,067 kg
in 170 carloads (83 AU; 54 SW; 23 IT; 10 EG) and 60 cases
(40 AU; []) 25X1

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- (1) Barley 976,193 kg
in 64 carloads from various stations in Slovakia
to: [] 375,093 kg in 24 carloads 25X1
various stations in [] 315,200 kg in 21 carloads 25X1
AU (Stadlau) 285,900 kg in 19 carloads
- (2) Wheat 813,580 kg
in 54 carloads from Devinska Nova Ves to
AU (Marchegg)
- (3) Malt 623,200 kg
in 40 carloads from Trnava (P49/T22) and
Devinska Nova Ves
to: [] 430,250 kg in 28 carloads 25X1
EG(Kupferhammer) 152,310 kg in 10 carloads
[] 40,640 kg in 2 carloads 25X1
- (4) Rice 100,851 kg
in seven carloads from Devinska Nova Ves
to Vienna
- (5) Honey 22,268 kg
in two carloads from Devinska Nova Ves
[] 25X1
- (6) Plum brandy (slivovica) 10,994 kg
in one carload from Devinska Nova Ves
to AU (Liesing)
- (7) Chicory root 10,000 kg
in one carload from Devinska Nova Ves
[] 25X1
- (8) Canned vegetables 5,824 kg
in one carload from Ruskov (R49/E43)
[] 25X1
- (9) Dried mushrooms 2,157 kg
in 60 boxes (40 AU; []) from Devinska Nova Ves 25X1
- f. Lumber (cut lumber) 1,113,648 kg
in 73 carloads ([]) from various stations 25X1
in Slovakia
- g. Other items 1,220,730 kg
in 103 carloads ([]; 23 AU; []) and 25X1
127 cases ([]; 34 AU; []) 25X1
- (1) Sheet glass 573,333 kg
in 36 carloads ([] 7 AU) 25X1
from: Devinska Nova Ves 457,193 kg in 29 carloads
Duchcov (N51/F23) 116,140 kg in 7 carloads
- (2) Newsprint 518,261 kg
in 50 carloads from Devinska Nova Ves
to: [] 402,319 kg in 39 carloads 25X1
Vienna 115,942 kg in 11 carloads
- (3) Collective consignments 38,771 kg
in three carloads and two cases from Bratislava
to: [] 38,640 kg in 3 carloads 25X1
AU (Linz) 131 kg in 2 boxes

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- (4) Asbestos-cement sheets 30,620 kg
in five carloads from Devinska Nova Ves & Nitra
(P49/T62) ☐ 25X1
- (5) Hollow glassware 21,281 kg
in five carloads from Lednicke Rovne (P50/O60)
and Utekac (Q49/D24)
to: AU (Vienna & Leibnitz) 13,081 kg in 3 carloads
☐ 8,200 kg in 2 carloads 25X1
- (6) Wrapping paper 10,695 kg
in one carload from Ruzomberok (Q50/C99)
to AU (Arnoldstein)
- (7) Plywood sheets 7,680 kg
in one carload from Sturovo (Q48/Z17) ☐ 25X1
- (8) Soot 6,923 kg
in one carload from Devinska Nova Ves to Vienna
- (9) Insulation pipes 6,225 kg
in one carload from Devinska Nova Ves ☐ 25X1
- (10) Medicinal herbs 4,817 kg
in 85 cases from Devinska Nova Ves ☐ 25X1
- (11) Used packing material 1,666 kg
in 32 boxes from Devinska Nova Ves to AU (Neufelden)
- (12) Cat skins 340 kg
in four cases from Devinska Nova Ves ☐ 25X1
- (13) Tobacco products 118 kg
in four boxes from Devinska Nova Ves ☐ 25X1

8. Shipments from Hungary via Devinska Nova Ves - Marchegg consisted of:

- a. Foodstuffs 402,620 kg
in 24 carloads ☐ which contained: 25X1

corn 294,620 kg in 17 carloads ☐
sunflower oil 80,000 kg in 5 carloads ☐
sunflower seeds 28,000 kg in 2 carloads ☐

- b. Other items 136,110 kg
in 11 carloads which contained:

parquet flooring 41,100 kg in 2 carloads to IT
collective consignments 30,531 kg in 3 carloads (2 SW; 1 TR)
beams 17,730 kg in 3 carloads to SW
old building material 15,940 kg in 1 carload to AU
porcelain insulators 15,809 kg in 1 carload to TR
mustard seeds 15,000 kg in 1 carload to SW

- c. Chemicals (charcoal) 40,800 kg
in four carloads to AU

- d. Metal goods (locomotive parts) 12,180 kg
in one carload ☐ 25X1

9. There were no shipments from Poland via Devinska Nova Ves - Marchegg during January 1954.

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1. ☐ Comment. The import of foodstuffs (mainly fruits) shrank after the Christmas season to one sixth of its December peak. ☐ 25X1
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2. ☐ Comment. The sudden drop in coal shipments during January was probably due to an attempt at easing the load on the Marchegg bridge, the repair of which necessitated a complete stoppage of traffic on the Devinska Nova Ves - Marchegg line for over a month. ☐ 25X1
Most probably some of the heavy items (coal and lumber) were shipped via Breclav which would explain the considerable reduction of the over-all export figure during that month (9,829,367 kg as compared to 31,585,889 kg in December 1953). 25X1
3. ☐ Comment. This is the first known instance of rice being exported from the CSR. Unless ~~this~~ re-export, this may be rice grown experimentally during the past few years in southern Moravia and Slovakia. However, it seems unlikely that there could be a surplus of home grown rice for export. Most likely these are propaganda shipments to support the regime's boasts of its Michurine wonders in agriculture. 25X1

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